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SUBJECT: LABOR RESTRUCTURING BY MAY 1 LABOR DAY?

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1. DURING COURSE MEETING WITH LABATT APRIL 3, ACTING LABOR SECRETARY AMADO INCIONG CONFIRMED EARLIER IMPRESSION LEFT BY SECRETARY OPLE (REFTEL) THAT LABOR MOVEMENT UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE TO COMPLETE FORMATION UNIFIED UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION BY MAY 1. INCIONG STATED THAT TOP TRADE UNION LEADERS WOULD BE MEETING MOMENTARILY TO COMPLETE FINAL DETAILS OF NEW ORGANIZATION'S CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. THEY WOULD ALSO SET DATE FOR FOUNDING CONVENTION WHICH EXPECTED PUT STAMP OF APPROVAL ON UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION BEFORE MAY 1. NUMBER OF DELEGATES EACH UNION WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SEND TO CONVENTION WOULD BE BASED UPON REGISTERED CBAS AND NUMBER OF WORKERS COVERED UNDER THESE CBAS.

2. WHEN ASKED IF IT APPEARED THAT TOP SEFERAL POSITIONS WOULD STILL BE GOING TO INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED IN EARLIER GO-AROUND SEFERAL MONTHS AGO (I.E. ROBERTO OCA, PRESIDENT; DEMOCRITO MENDOZA, EXECUTIVE VP, AND JOHNNY TAN, INTERNATIONAL VP), INCIONG REPLIED IN AFFIRMATIVE.

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3. COMMENT: DESPITE FACT THAT MENDOZA WITHOUT DOUBT HAS

STRONGEST TRADE UNION WITH BEST INFRASTRUCTURE, HE HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO LET OCA ENJOY PRESTIGE OF TOP POSITION INITIALLY. MENDOZA IS AWARE THAT BOTH OCA AND TAN HAVE LONG BEEN TALKING OF RETIRING FROM LABOR MOVEMENT. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES HE COULD NATURALLY ASSUME TOP SLOT, AND DEAL VERY LIKELY IN MAKING TO ASSURE ABOVE SCENARIO.
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